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Board Hires New Lobbying Firms

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The following items came before the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors during their October 29th meeting:

• Contracts were approved with two firms to provide federal lobbying services. A contract in the amount of \$80,000 was approved with The Skancke Company to provide lobbying services pertaining to transportation and federal lands. A contract in the amount of \$155,000 was also approved with the firm of Copeland, Lowery, Jacquez, Denton, Shockey, LLC, to provide general federal lobbying services. The firms were selected as the result of a competitive process. Thirteen firms submitted proposals to provide these services, and were narrowed down by a panel of raters based on their proposals. Those firms receiving the highest scores were then interviewed by the Board of Supervisors for a final decision. To enhance the quality of information provided to the county, both firms will be required to provide both monthly and annual activity reports to document the work completed and the results achieved.

"The contracts approved today will ensure that the interests of San Bernardino County are adequately represented on Capitol Hill, and that our voice is heard," said Supervisor Fred Aguiar.

• The Board designated the Sheriff's Department as the custodian of the Officer Down memorials that were presented to the county by the San Bernardino County Peace Officers' Memorial Fund Committee. There are three memorials, located in Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino, and Victorville.

"The tribute paid to officers who gave their lives to protect our community will be continued as a result of placing these memorials under the care of the Sheriff's Department," stated Aguiar.

* The above items were approved on a 4-0 vote, with Supervisor Jerry Eaves absent from the meeting.